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This is a request for filing a continuation-in-part continuation divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior international application Number PCT/CN00/00097, filed on April 21, 2000 entitled A NONINVASIVE BLOOD PRESSURE MEASURING METHOD AND APPARATUS, which designates the United States.

Note: 37 CFR 1.53(d) cannot be used to file a continuation or divisional application of an international application which has not entered the national stage.

CLAIMS	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
	TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	32 - 20 =	12	x \$ 18 =	\$216.00
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	2 - 3 =	0	x \$ _____ =	\$
			BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))		\$740.00
			Total of above Calculations =		\$956.00
			Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.27)		\$478.00
			Total =		\$478.00

1. Enclosed are the specification, claims and drawing(s)
2. Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27
3. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0951. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed
4. A check in the amount of \$478.00 is enclosed.
5. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
6. Application Data Sheet is enclosed. See 37 CFR 1.76
7. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence "This application is a continuation division of international application number PCT _____ / _____, filed _____ (status, abandoned, pending, etc)."

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8. A declaration under 37 CFR 1.63 is enclosed.

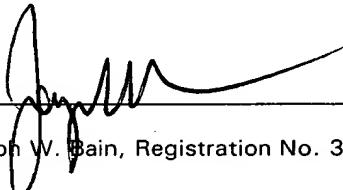
9. Priority of foreign application numbers 99105671.X, filed on April 21, 1999 in China and 99208086.X, filed on April 21, 1999 in China is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d).
 The certified copies are enclosed.

10. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

11. Also enclosed: 2 return receipt postcards, translation of the PCT application into English, information disclosure statement.

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Assignee of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

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Filed under 37 CFR 1.34 (a) Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a) - _____.

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below*.

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